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SUBJECT: MOSHE DAYAN INTERVIEW IN "PARIS-MATCH"
THE FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF HIGH-
LIGHTS OF INTERVIEW WITH ISRAELI FONMIN MOSHE DAYAN
PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 26 "PARIS-MATCH".

"VANCE NEGOTIATES IN A MUCH MORE SIMPLE, PRECISE, AND
CLEAR MANNER THAN KISSINGER, WHO WAS MORE SOPHISTICATED
AND COMPLEX. WITH VANCE, ONE ALWAYS KNOWS WHERE ONE
IS. WHEN HE ENGAGES HIMSELF, HE DOESN'T LEAVE ANY
DOUBT. HE SEEMS TO ME A MAN OF HIS WORD. BUT
KISSINGER'S COMPLEXITY ALSO HAD ITS GOOD SIDE.
FREQUENTLY HE LEFT DOORS OPEN, WHICH PERMITTED ALL
SORTS OF INTERPRETATIONS. KISSINGER OPERATED ON THE
BASIS OF TEMPTATIONS TO WHICH ONE SUCCUMBED IN THE HOPE
OF GOING FURTHER. KISSINGER OPENED EMERGENCY EXITS,
THROUGH THE WINDOW OR THE BASEMENT, NOT NECESSARILY THE
FRONT DOOR. WITH VANCE, ONE HAS TO SAY YES OR NO.
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QUESTION: DO YOU EXPECT TO MEET FACE TO FACE IN NEW
YORK IN SEPTEMBER WITH ONE OR MORE ARAB MINISTER?

DAYAN: NO. THE ARABS REFUSED. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO
MAKE A REMARK ON THIS SUBJECT. FACE TO FACE MEETINGS
ARE GOOD. BUT THEY ARE NOT NECESSARILY THE BEST WAY.

FOR 10 YEARS WE HAD DIRECT CONTACTS WITH JORDAN. IT DID NOT LEAD FAR; ANYWAY NOT FURTHER THAN INDIRECT CONTACTS THROUGH MIDDLEMEN. THE ADVANTAGES OF FACE TO FACE MEETINGS ARE EVIDENT. THE DISADVANTAGE COMES FROM THE FACT THAT THE ARABS ARE LESS FLEXIBLE WHEN THEY ARE FACING YOU. WITH THE AMERICANS, FOR EXAMPLE, THEY PERMIT THEMSELVES MORE FLEXIBILITY. THEY CAN THINK OUTLOUD, CONSIDER DIFFERENT SOLUTIONS -- THINGS WHICH THEY DENY THEMSELVES WITH AN ISRAELI CONVERSATION PARTNER WHO TO SOME EXTENT OBLIGES THEM TO ADOPT A HARD LINE. ALSO THE AMERICANS CAN PLAY A ROLE IN THIS NEGOTIATION. THEY CAN BRING PRESSURE, NOT JUST ON ISRAELIS, BUT ALSO ON THE ARABS. EGYPT, FOR EXAMPLE, NEEDS U.S. AID URGENTLY; LET'S NOT FORGET IT; SO GOOD OFFICES ARE NOT NECESSARILY HARMFUL.

QUESTION: ISN'T THERE A DANGER THAT YOUR NEGATIVISM MIGHT SOONER OR LATER LEAD TO A RUPTURE IN YOUR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S., WHICH IS GETTING READY FOR

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SOME SORT OF DIALOGUE WITH THE OLP.

DAYAN: I ANSWER CATAGORICALLY NO. THE U.S. IS NOT ASKING, NOT SUGGESTING, DOES NOT ADVISE US TO RECOGNIZE THE OLP OR TO ACCEPT ITS PRESENCE IN GENEVA. THE U.S. IS OPPOSED, AS WE ARE, TO THE CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE, AND IS CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT THE OLP HAS NO RIGHT TO BE SEATED IN GENEVA. THEY KNOW AND ACCEPT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE PALESTINIANS OF THE WEST BANK ABOUT A COMMON MODUS VIVENDI, EVERYWAY, ANYWHERE, AND AT ANYTIME. BUT NOT WITH THE OLP. I SAID "LIVE TOGETHER", I DID NOT SAY "PALESTINIAN STATE". THAT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION AND I DO NOT THINK THIS POSITION COULD LEAD TO A RUPTURE BETWEEN US AND WASHINGTON.

QUESTION: IS THE "DAYAN PLAN" -- FOR A SORT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FUNCTIONAL COMPROMISE FOR THE WEST BANK IN THE ABSENCE OF A TERRITORIAL COMPROMISE -- STILL VALID?

DAYAN: YES; AND MORE THAN EVER I AM PURSUADED THAT THIS PLAN IS ADVANCING, AMONG THE ARABS AND ESPECIALLY THE AMERICANS. ALSO IN THE TALKS WITH CYRUS VANCE, THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO QUESTION OF A TERRITORIAL DIVISION ON THE WEST BANK, BUT ONLY OF WAYS OF LIFE IN COMMON BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE INHABITANTS OF THESE TERRITORIES. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. HAS RECOGNIZED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE WEST BANK CANNOT BE THE OBJECTIVE OF A TERRITORIAL DIVISION.

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF FRENCH MIDDLE EAST POLICY?

DAYAN: THE BEST I CAN SAY IS THAT FRANCE SHOWS LITTLE SYMPATHY TOWARD US. IT IS NOT BY CHANCE THAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE AMERICANS THAT IT IS THE FRENCH WHO ARE TRYING TO GET THE TEXT OF RESOLUTION 242 MODIFIED IN FAVOR OF THE PALESTINIAN POINT OF VIEW. WHETHER IT IS RESOLUTION 242, ABOU DAOUD, ARMS DELIVERIES TO THE ARAB STATES -- IT IS ALWAYS THE SAME STORY. THAT DISTRESSES ME."
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